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● Michelangelo was born March 6, 1475, near Florence, Italy. In 1504 he completed his famous statue of David. One year later, he was summoned to Rome to design and paint appropriate figures on the ceiling of Sistine Chapel. This was a dangerous and important assignment. The frescoes included certain of the Old Testament prophets. This month, The Defender presents above, Michelangelo's "Daniel."

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# Christ -- God Or Demigod

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● This treatise continues the line of thought developed in Dr. Herrstrom's previous article entitled, "Is God a Jew?" — a discussion which brought to the Defender office a large amount of appreciative correspondence.

WEBSTER defines the term "demigod" as follows: "A divine or semidivine being, as the offspring of a deity and a mortal."

Greek, Hindu and Roman mythologies abound with accounts of demigods.

The idea of the blending of celestial and terrestrial beings may have foundation in fact.

In Genesis 6:1,2 we read: "And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took their wives of all which they chose."

The result of this unholy alliance is stated in Genesis 6:4: "There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown."

Then follows an account of the corruption and violence that filled the earth, evidently at least partially, a result of the work of this offspring. Many capable expositors believe that these "Nephilim" or "sons of God" were fallen angels.

## In Noah's Day

From the Moody Bible Institute Monthly we quote the following explanation of Genesis 6:2,4 by Dr. Grant Stroh:

"We have scriptural warrant for believing that these 'sons of God' were angels (Job 1:6; 2:1; Ps. 39:1). But they became 'fallen angels' (Jude 6; II Peter 2:7). The nature of their sin is hinted at in Genesis 6:2,4 and Jude 7. The time of their sinning was in the days of Noah (I Pet. 3:20) and their punishment is stated in I Peter 3:19 and II Peter 2:4. Their progeny is called the Nephilim, or giants (verse 4). Probably they were so called both on account of their physical size and also because of their great iniquity

which culminated in prevailing corruption, lawlessness, and violence (Gen. 6:5,11,12)."

We believe that the above explanation by Dr. Stroh is worthy of careful consideration and suggest that the reader look up every Scripture reference mentioned.

In a recent Defender article, entitled, "Is God A Jew?" we made an effort to lift Christ out of the category of a "demigod," thereby eliminating the possibility of classing Him with the tribal gods of the pagans.

Satan, through fallen angels, may have been able to propagate life and produce a *hybrid* offspring, but with Christ, born of Mary, an entirely different matter is involved. The fallen Lucifer, being a creature, is unable to create. All he can do is corrupt that which God has created.

We do not believe that Christ was a hybrid — part human and part divine, which would be the case if the supernatural element ended with Christ's conception.

We believe that in the birth of Christ, God performed a miracle so that Christ, instead of being a hybrid, was a perfect Man . . . and was at the same time God manifested in the flesh.

In other words, God performed a *creation miracle*, which is entirely out of the realm of Satan's power to perform. This lifts the birth of Christ to its proper position — far above the pagan idea of tribal gods and demigods.

In the article, "Is God A Jew?", we contended that the supernatural element did not end with the conception of Christ in the womb of Mary but continued through His birth. The discussion evoked a great deal of comment. Ninety-eight per cent of the letters received were favorable and people stated that many questions had been cleared up which had been bothering them for years.

In the case of the two per cent who offered objections, without a single exception, THEY READ INTO THE ARTICLE what was not there.

## A Perfect Human

Some said that the writer was teaching that Christ was not human. They

evidently skimmed over the article without reading it. I contend for the perfect humanity of Christ and said in so many words that "we have a Saviour with a perfect *human* nature, Who is at the same time Deity."

The Church which I organized in Akron, Ohio, and of which I am the Pastor, adopted upon my recommendation the following doctrinal statement concerning the birth of Christ:

"We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary and is true God and true man."

We think this is quite clear — begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, true God, and true man. We affirm all of these facts. This statement of faith on the Virgin Birth is the same as the one adopted by the World's Christian Fundamentals Association.

The statement on this subject as adopted by the Independent Churches of America is as follows:

"We believe our Lord Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, virgin born, and was very God incarnate in the flesh. Col. 1:13-17; Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-35; John 1:14; Matt. 28:9, 10; Heb. 2:14-16; Matt. 11:27."

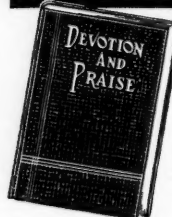
Our article, "Is God A Jew?" does no violence to any of the above affirmations or Scripture quotations.

The following statement adopted by the Baptist Bible Union and used by many of the leading Fundamental Baptist churches, contradicts nothing that we have said on this subject:

"We believe (a) that Jesus Christ

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## Warlords Of History And Prophecy

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MANY contemporary students of Bible prophecy have practically lived with present events in Europe, years in advance. They have seen the general outline of current world changes coming far ahead of time.

I recollect having delivered an address on prophetic trends, Sunday afternoon, July 22, 1936, in Portland, Maine — a message that presented a broad picture of the very things about which we are now reading in international press dispatches.

At the close of the meeting, a visitor to the United States from England, came to me and said, in substance:

"If what you say about the rise of great military powers in northern and southern Europe is true—powers which will destroy the British Empire, all I can say as a Britisher, is that I feel honored to belong to a nation which will be in the position of opposing the last great Warlord of the age."

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Unquestionably, the Antichrist of Daniel and the Apocalypse, is living to-day. The rise of this vicious personage, Satan incarnate, was predicted in both the Old and New Testaments. He

is not without prototypes in history.

The Apostle John wrote of antichrist activities of his day, saying, "Even now are there many antichrists." Others, animated by the same spirit, but to a lesser degree, precede and prepare the way for him, whom the Patmos writer describes in the thirteenth chapter of Revelation as the *Beast*. The Apostle said: "I saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy."

The prophet, Daniel, described a character whom many expositors agree to be Antichrist. "And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished."

In 1927, General F. D. Frost, of the British army, wrote a prophetic treatise entitled "The Appointed Time," which dealt at length with the appearance of the end-time Superman. On page 93 we read: "From a careful study of St. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, it is perfectly clear that before the 'day

of the Lord' shall come, three things must happen: (1) The Rapture or removal of the Church to Heaven, (2) The Apostasy or falling away from the true faith, (3) The Revelation of the Man of Sin or Antichrist. . . .

"Chapter two of Second Thessalonians, clearly proves to us that the Antichrist or Man of Sin has not yet appeared in past history, neither has the great apostasy. Many evil men have appeared almost answering to the description, but the great advantage of the Bible over other books is that its predictions are fulfilled to the letter without any scope for imagination."

The warlords of the past have left their impressions upon human history, paving the way for the appearance of the one, known to students of Bible prophecy, as the Masterpiece of Satan.

### Nimrod

Shortly after the Deluge, Satan exhibited through the first warlord, Nimrod, his antagonism to the will of God. Moses, in the opening book of the Bible, records: "And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth."

This leader of the Babel builders, the first world-kingdom, created the false ecclesiastical system of Babylon, and started currents flowing which served to pervert religious concepts through the centuries, down to the present time. He was the first man to organize an army and reduce his fellow-creatures to a state of slavery. Nimrod is known as one of the fiercest warlords of all times.

Justin, the Roman historian, says: "Nimrod first of all changed the contented moderation of the ancient manners, incited by a new passion, the desire of conquest. He was the first who carried on war against his neighbors, and he conquered all nations from Assyria to Lybia, as they were yet unacquainted with the arts of war."

Diodorus adds: "Being naturally of

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### Personal

DURING the last few days, some of our friends out over the Country, have been disturbed at rumors and reports emanating from Jewish sources in Wichita. The facts, involving amazing intrigue and falsehood, will be made known at the proper time. Meanwhile let the great Defender Family push forward in its mission of Christian witnessing, with ever increasing devotion to the Cause of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gerald B. Winrod

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a warlike disposition, and ambitious of glory that results from valour, he armed a considerable number of young men that were brave and vigorous like himself, trained them up a long time in laborious exercises and hardships, and by that means accustomed them to bear the fatigues of war, and to face dangers with intrepidity."

The name, "Nimrod," means "strong" and "rebel". He was an amazing figure of gigantic proportions and possessor of a powerful intellect.

The Student's Commentary in its chapter on Nimrod and Babylon says: "He and his city foreshadow the coming Antichrist and his city. . . He was practically king of the whole earth. He was a mighty slave-hunter against the face of Jehovah, that is, in defiance of Jehovah. Babylon was the beginning of his kingdom. He invaded Assyria and built Nineveh with its broad avenues of great splendor."

To this day the chief part of the ruins of old Nineveh are called by the name of *Nimrod*.

#### Xerxes

The divine revelation given to Daniel "in the first year of Darius the Mede," and recorded at the beginning of the eleventh chapter of his book, forecasts the immediate future of Gentile governments then existing.

Verse 2 reads: "Behold, there shall stand up three kings in Persia, and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia."

In fulfilment of this prophecy, the three kings were Cyrus the Persian, Cambyses, and Darius the Great. The fourth was the son of the latter, known in history as Xerxes. He stirred the world with his wealth and was able to secure the help of the armies of fifty-six kingdoms in attacking Greece.

#### Alexander, the Great

The next great warlord, whose person points like an ominous finger toward the coming Beast of prophecy, was Alexander the Great, who lived in the

fourth century B. C. He was the son of Philip II, ruler of ancient Macedon, and Olympias, an Epirote princess, who, according to historical accounts was a woman "of half-wild blood, weird, visionary and terrible."

The appearance of Alexander was announced by Daniel in advance of his conquests and rise to supremacy. Verse 3 reads: "A mighty king shall stand up that shall rule with great dominion and do according to his will."

Upon accession to the throne, at the age of twenty, Alexander undertook the task of crushing Persia. With his conquering forces he seized Syria and Egypt, capturing Persia and eventually subdued the whole civilized area. Opposite the words "a mighty king," in the margin of the Scofield Reference Bible, appears this note, "Alexander the Great, B. C. 332." Thus, it is known to Bible students, that Daniel saw this particular warlord, whose ability to destroy, typifies in so many ways, the final Antichrist.

Says one historian: "Now that, as master of the world, he could rest, the less worthy side of Alexander's nature cropped out. He declared that no mortal man could have achieved all that he had, and that he must therefore be a god, the son of Jupiter. He went on to assert that as mankind must, after his death, worship him as a god, they might as well begin at once. Callisthenes, one of his wisest counsellors, opposed the plan. Alexander had him tortured and killed."

In like manner, the Antichrist will be deified as a god. "And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" Revelation 13:4.

#### Antiochus Epiphanes

The warlord who more nearly personified the Antichrist than any historical personage was Antiochus Theos Epiphanes, the Syrian ruler of the second century B. C. Daniel describes the evil exploits of this military genius. The blasphemous deeds of this obsessed being were so terrible that he has been called by some the "Old Testament Antichrist."

On his way home from a looting raid

in Persia, word was received of the success of the Maccabees. In his rage, he uttered the oath that he would destroy every worshipper of God on the earth. He died a short time later near Babylon. The "little horn" of Daniel 8:9 is a reference to Antiochus Epiphanes.

Perhaps the most fascinating book on Bible prophecy to appear in recent times, is "Titan, Son of Saturn," by Joseph B. Burroughs. It was published in 1905. With remarkable clearness, this volume outlined the course of European events as they have transpired since the close of the World War.

Dr. Burroughs saw such a resemblance between the Antiochus Epiphanes of history . . . and the Antichrist of prophecy . . . that he evolved the idea that the latter would be the former returned to earth in a human body.

In one place, Burroughs records a fictional dialogue between Satan and Antichrist, as follows: "In Europe I have been leading the people for a generation, to long for a great leader to unite their nations. They speak of their expectation as, The Coming Man. The man is now on the way, for I shall put my spirit within you, that on the battlefield you may be an incarnate devil, and on the throne possess my wisdom, and in the minds of men have my influence in uniting nations."

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The smashup of the British Empire is vividly portrayed in these pages. An "International Congress" is in progress. Antichrist directs the gathering. Page 158, "He states that he understands that they have come together at the suggestion of Russia, to consider the possibility of the nations of Europe uniting in an armed effort to win from the Anglo-Saxon nations the commerce of the world. The speeches that followed were telegraphed to the nations, and revealed that every European government was ready to rejoice at the mere prospect of overthrowing the Saxon nations."

Then with mock piety, another speaker at the Congress explains: "England, the bulwark of civilization! She has taught the heathen the evil of war, by making thousands widows and orphans; the sin of intemperance with English rum. She has enlightened their minds with opium; and spread the Gospel, by means of a shipload of English manufactured idols sent to India . . .

"Selfishness is the soul, avarice the spirit, and Heaven the goal of a Saxon in power. He lifts his eyes to God for divine protection, while he bends his knees before a golden calf for gain. They fear the Lord and serve their own gods."

## Napoleon Bonaparte

It would be interesting to review the historical accounts of such warlords as Julius Caesar, who carved out an empire of iron and blood, and attempted to deify himself. . . Nero, known in history as the most depraved human being ever to sit upon a throne, whose viciousness only the Antichrist himself will surpass, but we shall pass on to consider another character, Napoleon Bonaparte.

Every intermediate schoolboy knows the history of the little Corsican who became master of Europe. By sheer force, he built a vast empire, his suc-

cess being largely due to military genius.

Says one historian: "Heretofore, long, time-wasting campaigns and acres of red-tape had marked every war. Bonaparte changed all this. Whirlwind campaigns and defiance of all outworn military traditions formed the keynote of his warfare."

In summing up his career, one writer says: "For over a decade, Napoleon turned all Europe into an armed camp; changed pastures into battlefields; sacked and devastated populous districts, and slew hundreds of thousands of men who would have been helping their countries' progress. With iron hand he swayed the destinies of the Continents, changed its map and crushed patriotism and national independence everywhere save in France."

## Modern Warlords

The map of Europe today is plastic. It is being molded according to the prophetic pattern. National barriers are being melted and confederacies formed for the final onslaught, called Armageddon.

Convulsions in the Old World are producing modern warlords. On October 28, 1922, a man suddenly arose in Southern Europe, who regards himself as a person of destiny, his ambition being to rebuild the Old Roman Empire. His name is Benito Mussolini.

He once said that his father, who was a blacksmith, bent iron but his task was more difficult because he was required to bend souls. On another occasion, he declared, "I would enter into an alliance at this moment with the devil himself, with Antichrist, if that would give this poor country five years of tranquility."

He has assiduously studied the history of old Rome, that he might become saturated with the spirit of the Caesars in his attempt to revive the Empire and make it the supreme military and political power of the world. Standing in the old Coliseum, he once declared: "These stones are eloquent of the greatness of Rome, achieved through the force of her arms and the wisdom of her laws. Nothing prevents us from believing that the destinies of yesterday will not be those of tomorrow."

Having conquered Ethiopia and Albania, the world is awaiting another unleashing of the Roman Legions

equipped with modern, mechanized military equipment for the slaughter of those who dare stand in their way. Bible students will watch this warlord whose characteristics fit so well into the scheme of prophecy.

Another modern warlord, who is conspicuous for his brutality, is Joseph Stalin, a child of the Caucasus, where he grew up with fierce mountain tribes.

Today, this despot rules 170-million people of 189 different nationalities, living within the borders of the Soviet Union. His atheistic regime has put millions of innocent Christians, to death and carried on a constant reign of terror since taking over the Russian Empire.

In Soviet Russia, the citizen is the serf of the State. One Five Year Plan after the other became the supreme law of the land. The immediate result of these "programs," was a number of years of famine. As far as he was concerned, the multitudes who were killed or died of hunger, were but so many less people to feed. His assault upon Finland and other small states in the Baltic area, illustrates the fierceness of the pent up forces which are waiting release, on a far greater scale, when he gives the word.

Adolph Hitler, the Teuton warlord, arose to power in 1933 on a wave of reaction against Jewish-Communist control in Germany. A paradoxical change occurred late in 1939 when a pact of friendship was negotiated between Moscow and Berlin—a prophetic development anticipated in the columns of this magazine over five years in advance. Our prognostications that Russia and Germany would make an alliance were based upon Ezekiel 38. Nazism is, according to reports, infiltrating Russia.

Hitler follows the path of Otto von Bismarck, who entertained a warlike

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philosophy and devoted his whole career to the forwarding of Germany's interest. He created a powerful State out of loose, quarreling, feudal provinces. During the two decades when his will was supreme, he constantly demanded united people.

Bismarck was strongly in favor of a large and mighty army. When King William I, asked the Parliament in 1862 to appropriate sums for this purpose, they refused. Bismarck was made Prime Minister and speedily broke the deadlock by dismissing Parliament and ordering the military improvements made without sanction.

Bismarck is said to have been the most hated man in Europe. He is credited with having foreseen and even planned the Franco-Prussian war. After winning a swift and easy victory, he consolidated the scattered German states, and as reward was made Chancellor.

Just how closely Hitler has followed his predecessor's policy of building a united people, and thus an invincible State, may be seen in a recent speech: "These forces (Germany's enemies) are today opposed by the German Armed Forces. More important still, they are opposed by the whole German people with its characteristic insight and discipline, trained in every walk of life by seven years of National Socialist work.

"We are experiencing today that these words are no mere figure of speech. This training has broken down class-distinctions. It has done away with parties, it has exterminated many forms of individual outlook and has replaced them by a community spirit. And this community is today inspired by absolute confidence and fired by fanatical will power. It will never repeat the mistake of 1918."

Referring to recent German military exploits, the current issue of *Life* magazine says: "Most amazing of all is the spirit that built and drives this engine of conquest. For the Germans are not supermen. Seven short years ago they were the bitterest, most frustrated people in Europe. Then out of the very dregs of German life rose a

man with an Idea that galvanized a desperate nation and threatens to conquer a continent."

The spirit which has animated warlords, past and present, will head up in one man, Antichrist — 'The SUPERMAN OF THE END-TIME. As previously indicated, this last great Warlord of the age, is undoubtedly living today.

When he attains the pinnacle of power, he will stand forth as Satan incarnate.

His reign, though bloody, will be of short duration. His doom is certain:

"And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming."

Following this event, the Kingdom Age will be inaugurated by the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to this earth.

## The Spiritual Workshop

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"FOR we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works." Eph. 2:10.

It is often through small and unobtrusive doors that one enters into the splendor of a cathedral. In reading the book of Ephesians, the Reader should bear in mind that the words called *prepositions* are entrances which open to labyrinths of spiritual truth. The believer is filled with wonder, as he beholds himself in his relationship to Christ.

The preposition "for" in the tenth verse of the second chapter, opens the door and enables us to see the place where sinners are changed into saints. In this divine workshop, we behold the Worker and His work!

The Worker presented in this verse is none other than the God of creation. As we contemplate nature, we are reminded that He is the Architect of the Universe. Looking at the rugged mountains with their giant heads poised heavenward, we are reminded that He is their Sculptor. Standing by the restless sea, we like to think of the handiwork of Creation as having scooped out the earth and released the floodgates. Inhaling the perfumed fragrance of the flowers, in which are blended all colors of the rainbow, we recognize a part of His creation.

The Scripture says "we" are His workmanship. He begins with the work of creation. God, alone, can create . . . man can only make. It is possible

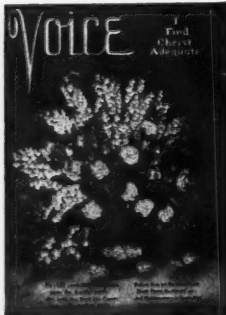
for a human worker to take a piece of cold, lifeless marble and after months of patient effort, form the likeness of a being. But with the Divine Worker, the transformation takes place immediately, as the sinner becomes a new creature through his faith in Christ.

God does not operate a "spiritual hospital," where a spiritually deformed man may take a course of treatment and become a Saint. His is an absolute work of creation — no mending nor repairing, but forming a new man through and through.

The time will come when His workmanship will be on exhibition. Such a time is spoken of in this same chapter . . . "that in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace." The Saints of today will be on exhibition tomorrow, and those in ages yet to come, will behold the marvels of the handiwork of God as He transforms by His grace, creating sinners into Saints.

We often see the words on a manufactured article — "made in a certain country." This means, of course, that the particular commodity was produced in some other part of the world. The same principle may be applied to the child of God, for he is "made in Christ."

Not long ago, it was my pleasure to visit the "Old Man of the Mountain," located in the State of New Hampshire. It is also called "The Great Stone Face" — the semblance of a human countenance being formed on the side of a mountain. One never forgets his visit to this gallery of nature. I was awe-struck as I gazed at the phenomenon, towering hundreds of feet in the air. The strong, masculine features of his Stone Face look out over a great and beautiful landscape.



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I thought of him as having been there through the centuries, guarding the vast terrain as if to say, "I am lord of all I survey." I thought also, how the dew of the morning washed his face, and for a comb, he used the gentle breeze. His shaggy head is mirrored in the lake at the base of the mountain. Through the heat of summer and cold of winter, he remains the same, silent and motionless.

Nathaniel Hawthorne, the great literary figure, once visited this shrine. Moved by sublime emotion, he struck off these sentiments. . . . "It seemed as if an enormous giant, or a Titan, had sculptured his own likeness on the precipice. There was the broad arch of the forehead, a hundred feet in height; the nose, with its long bridge; and the vast lips, which, if they could have spoken, would have rolled their thunder accents from one end of the valley to the other.

"True it is, that if the spectator approached too near, he lost the outline of the gigantic visage, and could discern only a heap of ponderous and gigantic rocks, piled in chaotic ruin one upon another. Retracing his steps, however, the wondrous features would again be seen; and the farther he withdrew from them, the more like a human face, with all its original divinity intact, did they appear; until, as it grew dim in the distance, with the clouds and glorified vapor of the mountains clustering about it, the Great Stone Face seemed positively to be alive."

As I beheld this figure in stone, I thought that the same Divine Sculptor who made him out of the rocks in the ages past, is the Omnipotent One Who is today working on our lives.

Just as the sculptor knows what chisel is best suited for certain marble, and how hard to let the mallet fall, so the divine Sculptor knows how best to bring out hidden beauty, in order to reproduce His likeness. It may be by the use of the chisel of disappointment, sorrow, loss or testing, but He knows what is best. Let us resolve to be patient, while He does His perfect work.

The Divine Worker has a will and plan for everyone. He seeks to prepare the Christian for the place He has chosen him to serve, in the realm of His will, and then He does not leave him alone, for "it is God that worketh in you."

The Christian likewise has a work to do. Those who think they were made for ornaments, have a mistaken idea, and a false conception of what it means to be a Christian. We will be on exhibition in ages to come, but today is the time for service.

He seeks to work through the "Believer" and in so doing, has made ample provision for every demand which it may make of us. Power for service is provided through, by, and in the

Person, of the Holy Spirit. Our devotion to Him should call forth every talent, every means of service that both heart and hand can find to do, and in

so doing, we can reflect the image of the One Who worketh in and through us, and finally say with the Apostle Paul, "For me to live is Christ."

## Northern Confederacy and Roman Empire

Dr. J. N. Hoover, Los Angeles Baptist Theological Seminary

THE country lying north of Palestine and westward, according to Biblical prophecy, is to be the center of a fearful war in this dispensation. It is in reality a war against God and the Bible. For a study of the origin of the people and the countries of this Northern Confederacy, we must turn to the Bible, which is our oldest and most authentic history.

Beginning with the 10th chapter of Genesis, we find Japheth, Ham and Shem were sons of Noah. Japhites are the Aryan race, Hamites the Turanian race and Shemites the Semitic race. The children of Japheth drifted into what is called Russia and Germany. Magog was a son of Japheth. Gog was a Rubinite, the prince of Magog. Gog and Magog are symbolical expressions of the people of Asia, particularly the Scythians. Magog is applied as a person and as a country.

Dr. Wm. Smith in his history of the Bible, referring to Magog, Meshech

and Tubal, says: "The sentence thus rendered by the A. V., 'Magog the chief of Meshech and Tubal' ought to run 'Gog the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal'." Gesenius considers it "beyond doubt that Rosh is the tribe of the north of Taurine, so called from the neighborhood of the Rha or Volga," and in the name of the tribe, we have the first trace of Rush or Russians, the root stock from which the Russians came.

Gomer, Meshech and Tubal were sons of Japheth. Gomer represents Gomerland or Germany. Magog and Meshech settled in what is now called Russia. Germany and Russia have always been enemies, and their present federation is only to further their atheistic system of government, which is destined to a pathetic end. (Ezekiel 39th chapter.) Their present dictators are the most brutal in history.

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which took over the government of Russia in 1919, came into power largely because of the cold formality and dictatorialism of the Greek Church. The northern portion of Germany belongs to this Confederacy and extends south to the northern boundary of the old Roman Empire. There seems to be no doubt as to Magog, Meshech and Tubal being identified with Russia. Ros is Russia, Meshech is Moscow and Tubal, Tobolsk. Tobolsk is Bolshevik, and the capital, Moscow, gives the Northern Confederacy quite a Biblical setting.

This Northern Confederacy must be the army of the north that comes down upon Israel in Palestine, but they, with the resurrected Roman Empire, will perish in the valley of Mageddon, from which comes the word Armageddon. (Rev. 16:16; Ezek. 39:2; Thess. 1:7-10)

The Gog and Magog mentioned in Revelation 20:8 are not the Gog and Magog in Ezekiel, for they were destroyed in the battle of Armageddon, but the Gog and Magog who follow the Millennium are identical in origin and purpose, and led by Satan, make war upon the Lord and His host, but are immediately destroyed. Rev. 20:7-10.

Most Bible scholars believe the 11th chapter of Daniel and Revelation 17:8-11 refer to the last Gentile Empire, which is the Roman Empire. The Gentile kingdoms are divided into five periods, the last being iron and clay, which is finally destroyed. (Daniel 2:31-35) The ruler of this Empire is known as "the king with a fierce countenance." (Daniel 8:23-25) The armies of the north will federate with the Roman Empire in Palestine, but, according to the 13th chapter of Revelation, the Beast will be in authority. This Empire concerns only Europe, but will have its effect throughout the world.

Unlike Communism and Nazism, the Roman Empire will have a religious dictator, known as "the false prophet," who with the Beast and the army of the north, are destroyed. (2 Thess. 2:8; Rev. 19:19) This old Roman Empire, which included the nations around the Mediterranean and up the Atlantic coast, was defeated by the Goths in the fourth century, but according to

Revelation 17:8-13, is to be resurrected, and present signs of this event are sufficient proof that we are near the end of the Gentile dispensation. . . .

If this atheistic movement is to be followed by the Roman Empire, then we are nearing the most terrible period in the history of man. If this is the harvest time of the sins of the Gentile nations, then present conditions are inevitable. If the 2560 years of Gentile rule is coming to an end; if

we are now in "the budding of the fig tree," then the Great Tribulation, the battle of Armageddon, and the personal return of Christ is near at hand. But despair not, child of God, for these are signs "that our redemption draweth nigh."

Dark is the future of the one who rejects the Word of God, but bright is the future of the one who has found Christ an all-sufficient Savior.

## Alcohol A Narcotic

Rev. James Pearson, Shenandoah, Iowa

THE use of alcohol as an intoxicating beverage has been practiced through the centuries.

In the early days of mankind, grapes were a natural fruit that grew in abundance. Man used them for food and pressed out the juice for a beverage. He found the juice of grapes a splendid fruit drink, but soon discovered that where the substance had a chance to ferment, it became an intoxicant.

Upon drinking it, he would experience a temporary release from anxiety and worry; and if he consumed an excessive quantity, he would lapse into a stupor, midway between the first and last drink of the spree.

The grape drink was called wine. In the Hebrew language, distinction is made between the sweet grape juice and the fermented, but in the Scriptures, both are alluded to as wine. Fermentation is a chemical reaction which changes the sugar of the sweet juice into alcohol — the base of intoxicating beverages.

In later years, alcohol was also made from grains, molasses, vegetables, etc., by the process of distilling. Now we have two sources from which alcohol is derived. Alcohol made by fermentation comes under the head of wine and is not as strong as distilled liquors, having only a ten to fourteen per cent alcoholic content. While in distilled spirits, it is around thirty to fifty per cent.

Alcoholic drinks are considered stimulating because they have the effect of

reducing anxiety and care, and of "boosting" a person over the "bumps" temporarily. Others believe wine to be a food, largely because it comes from grapes.

However, science proves conclusively that alcohol is not a stimulant nor does it have any food value. It is a narcotic! What do we mean by narcotic? Here is the definition: "Narcotic: a drug that produces stupor or sleep; relieves pain; in sufficiently large doses, stupor or complete insensibility."

When alcohol is taken into the system, it accomplishes just that, and is neither stimulating nor nourishing. Baron Liebig, the great chemist, said: "We can prove with mathematical certainty that as much flour as can lie on the point of a table knife is more nutritious than eight quarts of the best beer."

Moreover, alcohol is detrimental to the body. It is a narcotic poison. The nature of narcosis is a state of lowered feeling and consciousness, caused by the penetration of the poison into the nerve cells.

Under title "Some Practical Aspects of Scientific Knowledge of Alcohol," an article appearing in *Scientific Temperance Journal*, says: "Scientific studies of the effects of alcohol on the mind and body have resulted in four charges. Alcohol is a narcotic; a heart depressant always, not a stimulant; a

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habit-forming drug which creates a craving for itself; a dehydrating protoplasmic poison. . . .

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The reader might say: We have always understood morphine, cocaine, opium and such drugs to be habit-forming narcotics and destroyers of the body. This is positively true! But alcohol produces the same effect and is simply drunk instead of being taken into the system by a hypo or by smoking, as the narcotics you may have in mind.

If a person takes enough morphine (and it doesn't require much), he will go to sleep. The same effect is produced by liquor. What is the difference whether a fellow is *dead drunk* from alcohol or stupefied from narcotics commonly called "dope." Perhaps, the name of one is a little more dignified in the minds of some people than the other, but there should be no difference in this regard. The damaging effect is present in both. Narcotic is narcotic, whether dry or liquid.

It is a well known fact that a person under the influence of "dope" is capable of committing atrocious crimes. And this is equally true of persons inflamed by liquor.

Please consider two illustrations: "Hopped" up on narcotic, a sixteen-year-old boy brutally shot his mother and father to death with the latter's shotgun. When the effects of the drug had worn off, he could neither explain nor remember the killing. In a southern State recently, 198 persons perished in a dance hall fire. Police investigators placed the blame upon several drunken men, who had maliciously perpetrated the act.

Narcotics, whether dry or liquid, inflame hatred, fan animosity, feed wrath, generate murder and incubate sorrow and wounds. I am mindful of

the fact that some will hesitate to believe it true that liquor is a narcotic, a depressive, as are the various "dope" drugs, but science bears it out conclusively.

Someone will say: People often die in a "dope" stupor. Yes, and this is also true of people who are addicted to the use of alcohol. What is the difference whether a person dies in an alcoholic stupor or in a "dope" stupor? The result is the same. Newspapers have a nice name for it: *acute alcoholism*. But keep in mind the fact that alcohol, as used in any drink, is a narcotic and its place is beside "dope."

The question might be asked: Why is liquor made at all? One writer says that the taproot of the entire liquor business is greed and selfishness. However, alcohol is used in many scientific experiments, in compounding medicines, and in making many proprietary articles. There are many legitimate uses for alcohol, but it is not to be taken as a beverage. We might say the same thing of gasoline — there are many uses for it, but not for human consumption.

There are many things that become good when used for right purposes, but when abused, they become very detrimental. We might say the same thing of morphine, cocaine, ether, etc. When used for their intended purposes, they are valuable, but when abused, they are harmful and even fatal.

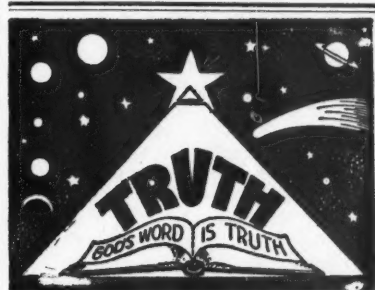
Some may ask: Isn't it all right to use alcohol moderately? I would reply by saying, why imbibe poison at all? It is of no value and forms a vicious appetite or habit. But you say: Oh, no danger; I can let it alone when I want to. Possibly you can, but thousands of people are in drunkard's graves and inmates of institutions today because of "moderation."

A noted physician says, "Moderation in the use of alcoholic drinks is a subtle danger which one cannot sufficiently mistrust. One begins with beer and finishes with spirits. The human body does not remain insensible to small amounts of a poison. Alcohol is always a menace even in the form of beer."

There is every reason to believe that the use of any narcotic is injurious, and therefore should not be used in any form. Let's get the problem down to a mechanical comparison. Suppose you subject your automobile to the worst kind of strain and wear. It probably won't show at first, but before long it will, because such treatment ruins the mechanism. The more abuse, the quicker it snaps under the strain.

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drink and abuse themselves. They corrode their body with alcohol and soon become discarded and unwanted in the activities of life. They are the last to be hired and the first to be fired. They invite extra trouble for themselves. Life is battle enough at its best, without adding an unnecessary burden.

You would not seek the services of a doctor, lawyer, teacher, preacher or merchant who is a narcotic fiend, whether it be dry or liquid narcotics. We all want clear-minded people for our associates. Then that means, we need to be that way ourselves, because the closest associate we have is ourselves.

No man wants his son to become addicted to the use of alcohol. No mother wants her daughter to lower her standards or limit her attainments by drinking. No husband wants his wife to become a "guzzler." And no family wants a drunken father. All of this stands as a challenge to *just leave it alone*. Use the money for better purposes — protect the strength of body and mind against the ravages of narcotics in any form or in any place.

We are thinking of the social drink — a drink just to be a good sport, which today is a curse to our Nation. The social drink is like the gun that is not loaded—but has killed so many. After the tragedy someone will say, "I didn't think it was loaded, but alas! it was."

Perhaps young people will be laughed at if they refuse the "good sport" drink, but they should just consider the source and also the results. No boy or girl can be at their best when they use liquor. Health and happiness are two main factors in life. Neither can be permanently attained by use of alcoholic beverages.

Suppose there was a well of poisoned water and every one who drank from it became sick, some only a little and others to the point of death. After the doctor had told the people the cause of their trouble, do you suppose anyone else would drink from the well? No, indeed; they would all take the warning and leave it alone.

This same line of thought applies to the use of alcoholic liquors. We see accounts of horrible accidents and crimes committed by people while intoxicated and in a state of insensibility. Some will plead, "the poor fellow didn't intend to do it, he was drunk." Very true, but it does not minimize the crime. He did not realize what he was doing at the time, but surely knew what he was doing when he drank the toxin.

Keep the highways safe! Liquor is an enemy of safety, and the little drink is the worst. No one can drink and drive safely. His brain is numb, his vision is impaired, though he does not realize it. His hand is not quick and steady. He is like a steering gear, that is a little off center.

A drinking driver is worse than a drunken one. A noted authority on the subject says: "Generally the really drunk driver wobbles slowly from side to side and thus is soon stopped. But the person who drinks a couple of bottles of beer or a few cocktails or highballs—he is the greater menace under the wheel of a car. The alcohol puts enough 'glow' or exhilaration in him to make him a bit less cautious, to dim his sense of sight, to slow down his powers of reaction and worst of all, makes him want to take more chances. Thus, the drinking driver causes more fatal accidents than the drunken driver."

The story is told of the boy that found a rattle snake in the road. He got a little stick and began to poke the reptile to see what it would do. It struck towards him two or three times, but he kept on goading it until finally it made one extra lunge at him, striking him on the hand. The boy died.

Back of the story is the lesson to "let danger alone." If the lad had let the snake alone or got a stick big enough to have killed it, he would not have been struck by the angry reptile. Compare this lesson with the use of alcohol, and you will see how it fits.

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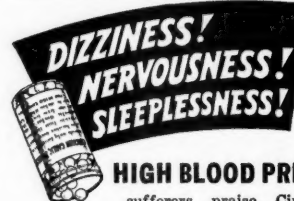
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What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought,  
Since Jesus came into my heart;  
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,  
Since Jesus came into my heart.

Then think of this third verse — how important it is:

I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure,  
Since Jesus came into my heart;  
And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure,  
Since Jesus came into my heart.

We find that the fourth verse includes the assurance of the Christian, taking away the fear of death:

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Then again, the expression of joy and happiness in this last verse, and the chorus:

I shall go there to dwell in that city I know,  
Since Jesus came into my heart;  
And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go,  
Since Jesus came into my heart.

Chorus:

Since Jesus came into my heart;  
Since Jesus came into my heart,

Floods of joy o'er my soul  
Like the sea-billows roll,  
Since Jesus came into my heart.

You will notice this song makes some tremendously vital and important statements, but they are made in short, terse sentences, with repetition, easy to understand, easy to remember — secrets of successful congregational songs.

While in Japan I learned to sing some songs in Japanese. Of course, I couldn't learn the Japanese language, but it is of such character that when the words are written phonetically I was able to pronounce them quickly, and they seemed to be easily understood by the Japanese people, even to

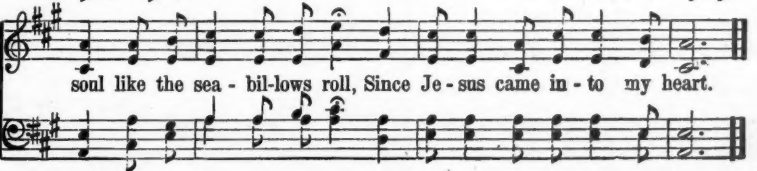
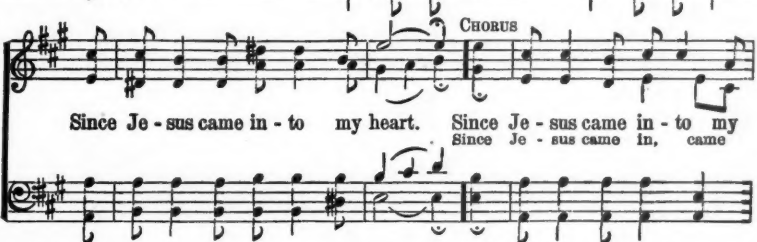
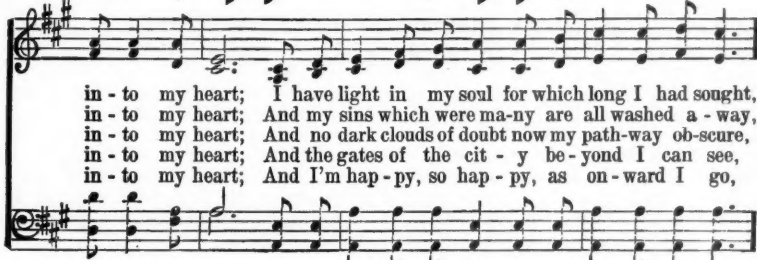
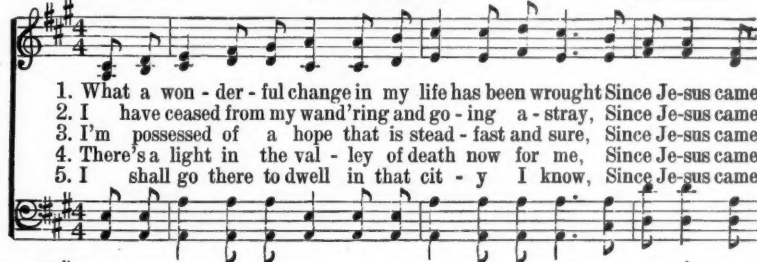
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## SINCE JESUS CAME INTO MY HEART

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the extent that while there I made 16 records of gospel songs in their language. This was one of the songs I sang.

At the close of a service with a great crowd in the city of Tokio, a Japanese came up to me and started a lightning string of Japanese. Quite naturally, after hearing me sing in his language, he thought I would be able to understand, but I had to call a missionary to translate his message for me. This is what he was trying to tell me:

"Thank you for the song 'Since Jesus Came Into My Heart.' I was a drunkard, a ricksha puller. I wasted the money I earned in drink and gambling, my wife and children suffered. We did not have enough mats for the floor, or covers for the children to keep them warm. We lived on rice, and never had enough extra money to have meat. Then one day I heard this song, and I let Jesus come into my heart. Since then I have been sober, I have saved money, now we have plenty of rice all the time, and three times each week we have meat. Now I have six rickshas and six men working for me. We are all happy since Jesus came into my heart."

So you see that no matter what language we use to tell the story, the result is the same when the message finds a place in the heart of individuals. Remember the definition as to the difference between the great hymns of the church and the gospel songs: The hymn is addressed to God, the gospel song is addressed to the people.

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Since Jesus came into my heart;  
And my sins which were many are all washed away  
Since Jesus came into my heart.

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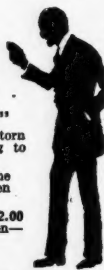
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A British army officer was asked how he became a Christian. "I'll tell you," he replied. "When I was a private in India, my roommate was a Christian who really lived the Christian life. He prayed daily and studied his Bible. One rainy night I came in about bed time, and seeing him kneeling in prayer, smote him with my muddy boot on one side of the head, and with the other boot on the other side of the head. But he never even turned or protested. In the morning I found my boots nicely polished and standing under my cot! It broke my heart! That day I became a Christian."

Christianity is Divine. It appeals to highest moral principles by its sound standards. It condemns sin, but also offers atonement for it. Christianity appeals to men because of its restoring merit, its transforming power, its message of good hope and cheer. It appeals because it destroys the work of the devil, bringing comfort to human hearts, help to the needy, and the kindness of God to the vilest sinner.

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Christ in Christianity is the living Person to Whom you must commit your life, forsaking all sin, and accept Him as your personal Saviour. To "as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." (John 1:12).

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was begotten of the Holy Ghost in a miraculous manner; (b) born of Mary, a virgin, as no other man was ever born or can ever be born of woman, and (c) that He is both the Son of God, and God, the Son. (a) Gen. 3:15; (b) Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:35; Mark 1:1; John 1:14; Psa. 2:7; Gal. 4:4. (c) I John 5:20; I Cor. 15:47."

### **Ignorant of Church History**

Another who read into the article what was not there, said that the writer's views were those of Apollinaris (about 370 A.D.). This objection is so puerile as to hardly be worthy of comment. No one familiar with church history could make such a blunder. Quoting Newman on Apollinaris, we find the following statement: "He thought it absurd to speak of Christ as wholly God and wholly man. He is rather a mixture of God and man. This view he illustrated, without irreverent intent, by the case of hybrid animals."

Our article, "Is God A Jew?" refutes the heart and core of the teaching of Apollinaris. We contend that Christ had two natures — a perfect human and a divine nature. We refute the Apollinarian idea of Christ being a *hybrid* — part Jew and part God. We insist upon the completeness of Christ's human nature and His divine nature.

It should be noted that the question recorded in John 4:9, "How is it that thou, being a Jew, etc.?" was uttered by a fallen, unregenerate woman. Luke 3:23 explains this: "And Jesus himself . . . being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph."

Since the Jews did not recognize Him as God manifested in the flesh, they supposed he was the son of Joseph, and therefore a Jew born by natural generation!

In the last analysis, the article, "Is God A Jew?" was based upon one important question — FROM WHOM DID CHRIST RECEIVE HIS HUMAN NATURE?

If from Mary, then it is a fallen hu-

man nature, for a fallen creature can only transmit a fallen nature.

If from Mary, then we should join the Modernists, Atheists and Communists. They all hold that view. They want to eliminate the supernatural.

If Mary, a fallen creature, could transmit an unfallen human nature, then you have Evolution, and we should join the evolutionists.

But I hear someone say: "Christ was conceived in the womb of Mary by the Holy Spirit and God intervened so Christ was born, with a perfect human nature, untainted by the sin of a fallen race." That is exactly my contention — that **GOD INTERVENED**. God intervened and the supernatural element continued.

Some try to argue that if God intervened, then Christ could not have been a human being. Nonsense! God intervened when the First Adam came into existence, and surely he was a human being. There is no reason why the Last Adam could not be as human as the First Adam.

There is nothing in our insistence on a thoroughly supernatural birth, that does violence to any Scripture. We contend that Christ was the "seed of the woman," "the seed of David," "the son of Abraham," that He was actually born of Mary, that He was touched with a feeling of our infirmities, tested in all points as we are, apart from sin. Since Christ was born of Mary, that should fulfill all the Scriptures concerning His lineage. His lineage enabled the world to identify the Messiah when He came. Since he had

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a perfect human nature and a human body there is no difficulty here.

#### Seed of the Woman

Some insist that Christ had to be born in a natural way (except for conception) in order to be the "seed of the woman." As far as human beings are concerned, there is no such thing as the seed of the woman. I call to witness a Fundamentalist, Dr. Harry Rimmer. In his book, "A Scientist's View of the Virgin Birth," he says:

"You know as well as I do that there is no such thing as 'seed of a woman.' All seed is masculine. There is no life in any but the male seed. So well is this fact established that in all modern races a child takes the name of its father, because its life comes through the male parent. In the beginnings of modern biology as taught by ancient Greek philosophers, they held that the ovum was just the 'soil' in which the male seed sprouted and rooted as it started to grow. Their conception was true to this extent, the seed is always in the masculine line and never in the feminine. But here is a statement made that when this promised Redeemer comes, He will be 'seed of a woman.' That will be a biological miracle, as He will have no earthly father. To have a child born which could be scientifically spoken of as the seed of its mother would be contrary to the known laws and facts of science. This then, is the reason for claiming Genesis 3:15 as the first promise of a virgin birth. Certainly Eve understood this to be a promise of a Saviour and a Redeemer, for when her first son was born she exclaimed in gladness, 'See, I have gotten 'The Man' from God.'"

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man realm as "the seed of the woman," then God must have created "the seed of the woman." This was my contention in the previous article — that God created the human nature of Christ just as he created the human nature of the First Adam; also that God prepared the body of Christ. Of course, I am familiar with what the medical profession teaches about the relationship of the mother's blood to that of the child. I am also familiar with what the Bible teaches about "the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:19).

Hebrews 10:5 says, "A body hast thou prepared me." The context discusses the blood of bulls and goats and then refers to the body that God prepared for Christ. In that body He offered Himself — "one sacrifice for sins for ever" (Heb. 10:12).

Confirming again our contention that God created the body of Christ in the womb of Mary we quote Jeremiah 31:22, "Jehovah hath created a new thing in the earth: A woman shall encompass a man." This refers to the birth of Christ and proves that the method is "a new thing," that the supernatural continued even after conception.

Thus we have a Christ with a perfect human and a perfect divine nature, yet sinless. Therefore, He could offer Himself as God's Lamb — the *provided Lamb* — a sufficient atonement for our sin.

One criticism, which illustrates the prejudice and dishonesty of some who call themselves Christians, was that my article taught "Jew-hate." To prove the unfairness of this critic I will simply quote two paragraphs:

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that Christians should engage in both Jewish and Gentile evangelization work — one is just as important as the other — and neither group is superior, in the sight of God, to the other." . . .

## I Will Not Worry

I will not worry; I will trust,  
For God, Who knoweth all my needs,  
Is merciful, and kind, and just,  
And I will follow where He leads.

I will not worry, for I see  
It does not help my soul at all;  
It drags me down and hinders me,  
And soon I'll lose my hold and fall.

I will not worry, I will try  
To look beyond life's present woes,  
Knowing that God, who lives on high,  
My refuge is — He sees and knows.

I will not worry, I'll depend  
On God to be my life-long guide,  
How can I fail with such a friend  
To walk forever by my side?

I will not worry, tho the night  
May darker seem than e'er before;  
Christ is "The Way," "The Truth,"  
"The Light,"  
With Him I'm safe forevermore.

I will not worry; I will sing,  
And up to Him my eyes I'll raise;  
To God, Who giveth each good thing,  
I'll send a hymn of grateful praise.

I will not worry, come what may;  
My Father's love is everywhere.  
I'll trust in Him from day to day,  
And cast on Him my every care.

I will not worry, doubt nor fear,  
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June 9

## Ezekiel Teaches Personal Responsibility

Ezekiel 33:7-16

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Romans 14:12.

There is a sense in which every Minister, Sunday School teacher and Christian is "a watchman" unto his fellow men (Jer. 6:17; Acts 20:28-31; Heb. 13:17). It is a privilege to be entrusted with the Gospel message, but it involves responsibility. Verse 7 shows that Ezekiel had two obligations to discharge — to listen to God and to speak to men. In like manner, we as Christian watchmen are obligated to warn others on the basis of the Word of God (verse 7; Ezek. 3:17; Isa. 58:1; 2 Cor. 5:11,20; Col. 1:28).

The citizens sleep in time of peril, and no one expects them to be on guard. But the watchman's special duty is to be awake and give warning. Should he fall asleep at the post or neglect to give signal of approaching danger, men are caught unaware and lives are endangered. Office involves responsibility, and no duty is of greater importance than that of a watchman in time of invasion. Such is the position of a prophet — one who discerns spiritual issues more clearly than other men, and senses coming disaster.

The one who knows what God says about the doom of the wicked, and does not sound a warning, brings judgment upon himself — the sinful man will perish but God will require his blood at the hand of the unfaithful servant (verse 8). Each of us should take inventory and determine whether or not we are free from the guilt of

the blood of our fellow men (Acts 20:26-27).

It is for us to warn; it is for them to heed! If they do not heed, we have delivered our souls. If men will not turn from their evil way, they must suffer the consequences (2 Pet. 3:9-10; Acts 18:5-6; Heb. 2:1-3; 10:26; 12:35). A solemn responsibility rests upon every follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, whether he be in the pulpit or the pew, whether he be teacher or parent. Sinners are pressing on to the judgment of the Great White Throne. What are we doing to warn them of that judgment of death?

June 16

## Haggai Urges The Building Of God's House

Haggai 1:2-12

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is." Heb. 10:24, 25.

Haggai charges his countrymen with being careful enough of their own possessions, but having neglected the restoration of God's house. As a consequence, the dew had been withheld, and the earth stricken barren. The tragic results are given in verse 11.

The people had been unaware of the true reason for this judgment. Perhaps many believed it was due to natural disorders, over which they had no control. But God's prophet points to the abandoned foundation of the Temple and says this is the cause.

"The time is not right," cry the complaining Israelites. But Haggai replies, in effect, "You have time, the means and industry to spend on your own private interests, but you look with indifference on the house of God lying waste?" The people had probably built themselves costly houses with the timbers that should have been used in constructing the Temple.

"Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink but ye are not filled with drink" (verse 6). Many times in history, men and women, bent on their own comfort and enjoyment, have learned that what they endeavored to amass amounted "to very little," because they had neglected and forgotten God. Haggai's kinsman had fine houses

in which to live, but their harvests were scanty and bodily health was weak. When people mingle with the godless and allow their attention to be absorbed with material things, they cease to be in the will of God. Never have the nations of the world been further from God, and His "woe" is being pronounced upon them.

The people of Judah had given secondary consideration to what should have been first, and first consideration to what should have been secondary. This evil is common, but disastrous. The prophet vividly depicts the consequences that had followed such negligence, with assurance that if they would come back to God, and give Him first place in their life, such failure and impoverishment and tragedy, as they were suffering, would be alleviated.

Verse 12 is heartening. The people come to heed the advise of spiritual leaders and to obey the Word of the Lord, as revealed by Haggai. Once again the will of God becomes the purpose of the remnant. What a pity that they should have wasted so much time and so many resources.

June 23

## Malachi Demands Honesty Toward God

Malachi 3:7-18

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10.

It is a startling question that God asks, "Will a man rob God?" (verse 8). "Wherein have we robbed thee," comes the reply. And God places His finger on one most glaring act of robbery —

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bery: "In tithes and offerings." By failing to meet their obligation to Him, Israel has truly violated the eighth commandment—"Thou shalt not steal"—as if they had taken from another, what did not belong to them.

We find here in verses 10 to 12 four points: (1) The call of God, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse;" (2) The challenge of God, "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts;" (3) The promise of God, "I will open unto you the windows of heaven," etc.; (4) The result, "and all nations shall call you blessed," etc.

So many people claim the promise and forget the condition. We pray, "Open the windows of heaven, and pour us out a blessing," and God replies, "Bring the tithes." It is as though God says to us, "It is for you to open the windows." When those windows are opened, a cloudburst of blessing will pour forth. Are you willing to put this to the test, and give Him opportunity to prove the truth of His promise?

God's promises are conditional. These people were free to act, and they must act voluntarily, in recognition of God's rightful claims. How often, by our sinfulness, we keep closed the windows of heaven! Not only in regard to the material but spiritual things, as well. The opened windows are for showers of blessing here, and the opened doors admit us to heavenly mansions over there.

Note the words "vain" and "profit" in verse 14. We look for greater returns, and being thus disappointed, we cease serving Him. The man who serves the Lord to realize a "profit," the man to whom God means no more than that, is not serving the Lord, and there is, therefore, no "profit" due him. He will soon discontinue this empty thing he calls "service."

"They that feared the Lord spake often one to another." God always has a faithful remnant (verse 16). There is a book of record kept of those who fear the Lord and think upon His name. They are God's peculiar treasure (verse 17, R. V.; Ex. 19:5; 1 Pet. 2:9, R. V.). The time is coming when discrimination shall be made "between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not."

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Jonah 3:1-10; 4:10, 11

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "Salvation is of the Lord" Jonah 2:9.

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Nature knows nothing of giving a second chance. This is contrary to the spirit of the age, the antithesis of the spirit of the world. The world worships power; success is its deity. Let a man fail or break down, and he seldom gets a second opportunity. He rarely receives frank and full forgiveness, which sets him out on the pathway of life again, humbled but inspired. God's Word comes to us, despite our unfitness to receive it. *And the voice of the second call is the voice of the first love.*

Jonah was to preach what God bade him (verse 2). We are not to preach as prudence dictates or policy suggests, or what pleases the people or according to our notions, but what God declares. It matters not whether men will hear or forbear (Ezek. 2:7). We are to preach all God bids us to preach (Jer. 1:17; Acts 20:27).

Jonah began at once crying, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown." If someone had said to him, "We want argument and not mere assertion" he would have simply cried out again, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown." The nature of the warning was conditional, its fulfillment being predicated upon continuance of sin. Those forty days comprised a period of testing and opportunity for repentance. Forty is the number of testing and probation in the Bible. This warning was intended in mercy and not in wrath, as are all God's warnings.

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God contrasts the gourd and the city. Jonah had compassion for the gourd, a plant of little consequence in which he had no part in its growth... then why should not God have pity on a great city which He had permitted to grow into power. Jonah is silenced; he can make no reply. He can only confess that he is wrong and God is righteous. Thus, he learns that God would have all men saved.

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